

5 I claim:

1. A ligature for use on a mouthpiece of a woodwind type musical instrument having a reed, the ligature comprising:

a flexible body formed as a unitary strip with first and second ends;

10 a first ferrule, said first end of said flexible body terminating inside said first ferrule;

a second ferrule, said second end of said flexible body terminating inside said second ferrule;

and

a tightening mechanism for drawing said first and second ferrules together, thereby tightening said flexible body around said mouthpiece of said musical instrument;

15 whereby said musical instrument's tonality is varied due to the relative position of said body, said first and second ferrules, said mouthpiece, and said reed.

2. The ligature for use on a mouthpiece of a woodwind type musical instrument according to claim 1, wherein said flexible body is trapezoidal-shaped and defined by two longitudinal slots and a  
20 web section positioned between said slots.

3. The ligature for use on a mouthpiece of a woodwind type musical instrument according to claim 2, wherein said two longitudinal slots are positioned end-to-end.

5           4. The ligature for use on a mouthpiece of a woodwind type musical instrument according to claim 1, wherein said body is fabricated of a rubberized fabric.

          5. The ligature for use on a mouthpiece of a woodwind type musical instrument according to claim 4, wherein a first side of said rubberized fabric is defined by a textured pattern.

10           6. The ligature for use on a mouthpiece of a woodwind type musical instrument according to claim 4, wherein a second side of said rubberized fabric is smooth.

          7. The ligature for use on a mouthpiece of a woodwind type musical instrument according to claim 1, wherein said flexible body is formed into a "C" shape for installation on said mouthpiece.

15           8. The ligature for use on a mouthpiece of a woodwind type musical instrument according to claim 1, wherein each of said first and second ferrules is formed with a longitudinal notch, and said first and second ends of said flexible body terminate inside, respectively, said first and second ferrules by insertion of said body end into said notch and attaching said ferrule thereon.

20           9. The ligature for use on a mouthpiece of a woodwind type musical instrument according to claim 8, wherein means for attaching said ferrule is crimping.

5           10. The ligature for use on a mouthpiece of a woodwind type musical instrument according to claim 8, wherein means for attaching said ferrule is gluing.

          11. The ligature for use on a mouthpiece of a woodwind type musical instrument according to claim 1, wherein said first and second ferrules are suspended outwardly from said instrument by  
10 cooperation of said first and second ends of said flexible body, said first and second ferrules, and said tightening mechanism.

          12. The ligature for use on a mouthpiece of a woodwind type musical instrument according to claim 1, wherein each of said first and second ferrules further comprises a transverse through hole.

15           13. The ligature for use on a mouthpiece of a woodwind type musical instrument according to claim 12, wherein said tightening mechanism comprises a threaded fastening stud extending through said transverse through holes in said first and second ferrules and threaded into a thumb nut.